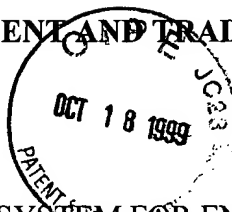


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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF  
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

**PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case. No fee or certification is required.

**PART II - Information Cited**

A. The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified).

**Information Disclosure Statement**  
**Serial No. 09/062,255**

B. The Applicant hereby makes of record the following related copending applications:

1. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/062,131, filed April 17, 1998, entitled:  
AN INTERFACE FOR ENGAGING A SNOWBOARD BOOT TO A BINDING;

2. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/062,127, filed April 17, 1998, entitled:  
SNOWBOARD BOOT WITH A RECESS TO ACCOMMODATE AN INTERFACE  
FOR ENGAGING THE SNOWBOARD BOOT TO A BINDING;

3. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/062,143, filed April 17, 1998, entitled:  
SNOWBOARD BINDING.

PART IV: Remarks

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;

2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;

3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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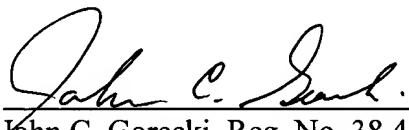
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By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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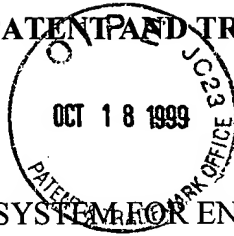
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Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ PTO-1449 with cited References
- ☒ Return Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617)720-3500, Boston, Massachusetts.

No fee is believed to be required. If the fee is insufficient, the balance may be charged to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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